

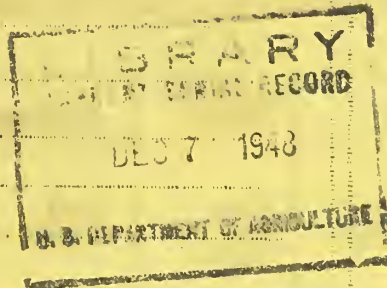
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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

U.S.D.A. Volunteer Red Cross Unit annually for the past several years has made a substantial contribution to the Christmas cheer programs of Washington area hospitals. The group now plans to present three pre-Christmas musical shows as benefit's to aid their hospital Christmas gift program. These programs, to be held in the Jefferson Auditorium on the evenings of Dec. 9, and 10th, and a Saturday matinee especially for children on Dec. 11, will be featured by the Agriculture Choristers in a series of Christmas numbers, some special solos, and audience participation in singing of Christmas carols. Christmas folk songs by guest artists, and a Children's play "Pancho and the Witch" by the Community Players of the New York Ave. Presbyterian church are included in the plans for the Saturday p.m. childrens program. Tickets for these benefit shows will soon be available from more than 150 members of the Red Cross Volunteer Unit.

Agriculture Symphony To Be Re-Activated.

The Agriculture Employee Activities program has secured the services of Dr. Frederick Fall for the organization of a Departmental symphony orchestra.

Dr. Fall has a long and outstanding record of high accomplishment in music, having conducted many of the leading symphony orchestras and operas in major European cities. He was the officer in charge of music activities for the American Army in Austria and has just recently returned to Washington. Soloists who have appeared under Dr. Fall's baton include Ravel, Prokofieff, and Maria Jeritza.

Plans for Agriculture employees participation in the Washington premier of the folk opera "Down in the Valley" (See article in opposite col. concerning Ag-Choristers plans) will require the use of a competent orchestra as well as the chorus and guest artists.

AERA Council Officers for 1949 were established by the re-election of members, who were voted into temporary office at the recent August 4th council meeting. Here they are folks:

President - Perry Colman of PMA Employees Recreation Association
Vice President - George Younkin of the SCS Employees Recreation Association
Treasurer - Joseph B. Ragan of the Office of Personnel Employees Recreation Association
Secretary - Joan Markland of the REA Athletic Association

There was a brisk voting contest for several of the positions, with protests for all nominees that they did not have free time enough to handle the extra duties, but the vote count rendered the verdict that the reward for doing a good job is to be asked to do it some more.

Approval for expenditure of funds by the sports committee to pay for golf tournament prizes was granted.

Plans for an expanded program of group purchasing which, it is believed, will save AERA members thousands of dollars were given a big step forward when the council voted to assume responsibility for payment of rent on office space for the discount committee's activities at a location near the south Agriculture building. Further development of expanded buying operations now await the recommendations of the council's finance committee for the set-up of a financially and legally sound organizational structure to handle the expanded business that is being offered to the discount committee.

The AERA Council also voted to provide funds for a special reception to be given to the Departments key workers in the current community chest drive when it is considered to be successfully completed.

ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONIES

Secretary Charles F. Brannan will speak and all employees are invited to participate in a brief Armistice Day ceremony in the patio, Administration Building, at 9:15 a.m. on Wed. Nov. 10th. This annual observance has for several seasons been sponsored by U.S.D.A. Am. Legion Post 36.

In addition to the Secretary's address the program will include: Vocal selections by Mrs. Beatrice Holland; Invocation by Post Chaplain, Harry Kabat; Placing of memorial wreath by Post 36 commander, Lance G. Hooks; and "Taps" by Buglars from the 3rd Infantry.

AG-Choristers to do Folk Opera

Encouraged by the audience response for their part in the recent variety show, and undeterred by the popular concept of opera as an activity of over-stuffed men and women with thyroid trouble, the Agriculture Choristers brashly plan to begin rehearsals immediately after the holidays of Kurt Weill's short opera "Down in the Valley".

Kurt Weill, who will be invited to be present at the Washington premiere, wrote the music for such movies as "Lady in The Dark" and the Broadway hit show "Street Scene".

The opera will be under the general direction of Dr. Frederick Fall (See opposite column on symphony plans).

A fight, a murder, a country dance and a tender love story are the ingredients of this exciting musical show.

It is expected that the lead solo parts will be sung by leading artists of Washington.

Editor's note: Now is a good time to join the Ag-Choristers.

GOLFERS - Win yourselves some Turkeys.



The AERA sports Committee, Joe Bertolini, Chairman, will have its hands full next Saturday morning, Nov. 13th, when over 100 Agriculture employees turn out for a Blind Bogey golf tournament at East Potomac Park. Five big milk fed turkeys will go to the five people having the winning Blind Bogey numbers and the committee claims that this contest gives everyone an equal chance to be the winner.

Two plum puddings are available to the man and woman having low gross scores, and there are two surprise awards for the ladies and mens' high scores. (The ed. staff of this sheet will contribute one cranberry to each person who can explain to us what is a Bogey, why is it blind now, and who started calling golf tournaments by such mysterious names).

The accepted custom is to ask a girl's father for her hand, but in Hollywood you gotta ask her husband.

Some men wake up and find themselves famous; others stay up all night and become notorious.

New Series of Recreation Classes starting in Mid-November. You'll never grow old as long as you have new hobbies to challenge your interest. Look at this schedule below and you may see how you can be richer in knowledge, skills and interest by a small investment, of your spare time, mainly.

Activity	Starting Time	Cost	Meeting Place	Instructor	Remarks
<u>Social Dance</u> Begin: Tango, Rhumba Adv: Samba, Rhumba Begin: Foxtrot, Waltz	Nov. 15th 6:00 Mon. 7:30 Mon. 9:00 Mon.	8 lessons for \$5.00	Stage Jeffers. Audit.	Toni DePolice	Class will recess for two weeks at Christmas
<u>Square Dance Class</u>	Nov. 16th 8:30 p.m. Tues.	10 lessons for \$5.00	Jeffers. Audit.	Herschel Hadley	Class will recess for two weeks at Christmas
<u>Chess Instruction Class</u>	Nov. 12th 6:30 Fridays	10 lessons for \$5.00	Room 6962-S	Mr. Stahelin	Recess two weeks at Christmas
<u>Leathercraft Class</u>	Nov. 12th 6:30 Fridays	6 lessons for \$5.00	Room 6970-S	Mildred Roxby	Recess at Christmas
<u>Sewing Class</u>	To be arr.	Special Group Rate	Singer Sewing Centers		Inquire at Room 1011-S
All Classes meet once a week. Register at Room 1011-S, call Ext. 5611.					

Agriculture Camera Club, according to Helen Koehne, Sec'y. x6076, wants its members and prospective members to note it's winter schedule. Club meetings are now held on 2nd Friday evening of each month at 7:45 p.m. in room 5041-South Bldg. If you want to meet your fellow shutter snappers, mark these Fridays on your calendar now: Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, and March, 11.

Informal Kodachrome or print competitions will be held at each meeting, and a Club Salon of the season's best will be held at the March, 11th meeting.

Ceramics Hobbyists may be interested to know that Friendship House has expanded its Craft room resources with a new kiln and a new potters wheel. Their ceramic class fee is now \$3.00 per month. Call LI 6202 and talk to Mrs. Long for details.

BONUS DANCE

Jack Anderson, president of the Agriculture Dance Club, announces that the Dance Club will sponsor a "Bonus Dance" for members of the club and guests on Thursday, November 18, at Walsh Center from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. Admission cards will be distributed to the members of the club in the near future. For further details call Jack Anderson Ext. 5676.

100 DOLLS WANTED!!!

Mrs. Kathryn Hughes, PMA, Rm. 3965, x4476, collects dolls for Childrens Hospital for Christmas presents. If you have any orphan dolls in good physical condition or any scraps of cloth to use in making doll clothes then contact Mrs. Hughes. Also, Mrs. Hughes is looking for volunteers to help dress dolls to be given to the kiddies.

VETERANS NOTE

All former members of the 34th Infantry Division (RED BULL) please contact Clem Traber x2733.

Classes in Making Silver Jewelry and Gem cutting, are conducted two evenings a week from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway. Classes in woodworking and furniture are also available. For Details call WH 0004.

Free classes for Children in Painting, drawing and clay modeling are conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5pm at Friendship House, 619 D Street, SE, call LI 6202.

RIDES WANTED

Agnes Harnett, x3810, 16th and Euclid St. NW
Mrs. Plum x2225, 16th & Columbia Rd. NW
V. Folliard, x6063, Col. Vill, Arl., Virginia
Miss Hughes, x4476, Takoma Park, Md.
Mrs. Kaliski, x4247, 3rd & Whittier St. NW
Mr. Kilbourne, x4247, Wardman Pk. Hotel
G. Baurer, x4647, Dupont Circle
Mrs. Abromholtz, x4813, Ga. Ave, Silv. Sp., Md.
Mrs. Harding, x2208, 217 Kennedy St. NW
Lois Marks, x5756, Capitol Heights, Md.
G. Finney, x3461, Collard St., Groveton, Va.
Mrs. Dockstader, x4075, W. Va. Ave, NE
G. Pruszkowski, x4693, 410 Cedar St. Ta. Pk, Md.
Mr. Light, x6309, 10th & Monroe Sts. NE
Barbara Smith, x4718, Minnesota Ave. SE
Mr. Gaardsmoe, x4055, Buckingham, Va.
Mrs. Robbin, x3564, 1st & Kennedy Sts. NW
A. Morrill, x3808, Lee Hway & Rhodes, Arl., Va.
Jane Etter, x3764, Vienna, Virginia
Mable Paulsen, x5159, 14 Elmira St. SE
Betty Jolly, x3764, Kimble Sch. (Minn. Ave. SE)
Naomi B. Scott, x4343, Ga. Av. Normandie Apts

RIDE RIDERS OR ROTATORS WANTED

Mr. Loweree, x2069, Vienna, Tysons Cr, Va.
Mr. Lanier, Code 183, x2466, Manassas, Va.
Mr. Larkin, x4510, Rvrdale & Edmonston Rds.
E. R'dale, Md.
Mr. Selby, x2913, Hillandale Burnt Mills Hills
Mr. McClure, x3093, 1400 N. Hancock St. Arl., Va.

RIDERS WANTED

Mr. Heffernan, x2037, Russell Rd, Alex., Va.
Mr. Aronin, x4830, Fairfax Village, SE

OUT OF TOWN RIDE WANTED

Fla. about Dec. 11, Miss Thomas x2631.

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To St. Petersburg, Fla. via Daytona Beach, Sat., Nov. 20th. Mrs. Josie Owens RA 1349 or Miss Godfrey x3398.

BARTER DOES IT AGAIN

"PAPA IS ALL" by Patterson Green, will be the next presentation at the Arlington Farms Recreation Hall on Wed. Nov. 24th at 8:30 pm. A few tickets at the special gov't price of 90¢ are available at the Employee Activities Office 1011-S Ext. 6229. The Agriculture folks who had so much fun watching the "Pursuit of Happiness" on Oct. 7th will tell you that Barter shows are a big evening's entertainment.

Classes in Textile and Silk Screen Painting and a course in scrapcraft, designed for camp counselors, and homemakers in the use of felt, paper, papier-mache, cork and raffia are available evenings. Call DU 6607.
